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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s):	Kei Tanaka, et al.	<b>CONFIRMATION NO.:</b>	<b>4518</b>
Application No. :	09/939,608	Art Unit :	2612
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For:	AREA SEPARATING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS EMPLOYING THE SAME, AND AREA SEPARATING METHOD		

**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C. F. R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir :

In response to the Office Action mailed September 21, 2004 (Paper No./Mail Date 20040913), please amend the application as follows and consider the Remarks set forth below.